

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

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Newsletter

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Happy New Year!



Here's to a year of creativity, precision, and the thrill of transforming simple wood into extraordinary art. As we carve our paths into this new year, may each chip bring us closer to mastering our craft. May our chisels stay sharp, our hands steady, and our inspirations ever flowing.

JANUARY MEETINGS: The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, January 9, at 6:00 PM at Woodcraft. The meeting for the Meridian group will be on Tuesday, January 14, at 12:30 PM at the Meridian Senior Center.



Annual Christmas Party Recap

We had a fantastic turnout with about 32 people attending our annual Christmas party at the senior center. Although no guild business was discussed, we had a great time enjoying each other's company.

Be sure to check out the photo gallery below for some great snapshots of the Christmas Party! A huge round of applause and heartfelt thanks to Larry Crist for cooking up the delicious pulled pork—it was truly a highlight of the evening.

Looking forward to seeing you next year!



Idaho Artistry in Wood Show will be held Saturday, March 29 2025, 9:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday, March 30, 10:00am to 4:00pm at Jack's Urban Meeting Place, 1000 Myrtle St., Boise, ID [website]

Competitors from all skill levels (Novice to Expert) may submit their wood carving, turning, scroll work, fine wood working, CNC creations and pyrography entries for public display and judging. The show will feature demonstrations, vendors, raffles, an auction, and banquet. It also is an opportunity for artists to sell their work.

MONTHLY PROJECTS

The Guild is dedicated to fostering and promoting the art of woodcarving, pyrography (wood-burning), and other wood artistry forms. Our weekly open carving sessions are an excellent opportunity for beginners to learn about tools, safety, basic techniques, and the types of wood used.

Guild leaders are available to provide an introduction to woodcarving. Our open carving sessions are held weekly at the following times and locations:

1. **Thursday Evenings:** 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Woodcraft. This session is ideal for those who work during the day or live in the eastern part of the valley.
2. **Tuesday Afternoons:** 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the Senior Center at Kleiner Park, 1920 Records Way, Meridian. The Senior Center requests a donation of \$2 for members and \$5 for non-members per session to help cover costs. This session is perfect for those who prefer daytime gatherings or live west of downtown Boise.

Each month, we plan a project to help novice carvers try new techniques and improve their skills. An experienced member will lead the project and provide one-on-one assistance as needed. Loaner tools are available, and materials will be provided whenever possible.

Upcoming Projects:

- **January:** Types of Knives/Gouges and Their Uses
- **February:** Flat-plane Carving
- **March:** Painting
- **April:** Spoons
- **May:** Chip Carving or Relief Carving

We look forward to seeing you at our sessions and helping you develop your woodcarving skills!



IWG Scholarship Program

Thanks largely to the proceeds from past Idaho Woodcarvers Guild and Idaho Artistry in Wood shows, the Guild has some surplus funds available that should be used in keeping with our status as a non-profit educational organization. With this in mind, the IWG provides a scholarship program that allows club members to apply for partial reimbursement of money spent on a class, seminar or workshop that helps them improve their carving, painting or other artistic skills used in producing wood carvings. Members who are up to date with their club dues may apply once each year for a scholarship to reimburse them for up to ½ the cost of a course they have completed. The amount approved cannot exceed the dues paid by the member since joining the Guild. Those who receive this support should plan to share what they learned with others at a future meeting. Scholarship applications may be submitted at any time during the calendar year to be reviewed by the Executive Committee for approval. The Board may limit scholarship funding each year to maintain sufficient reserves to keep the club in a healthy financial position.

Application for IWG Scholarship

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Course, class or program attended: _____

Provider: _____ Location: _____

Brief description of instruction received:

Amount paid: _____ Year: _____

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Executive Committee action: Approved: _____ Not approved: _____ Date: _____

Date awarded: _____



Roses en Escondido

For those who don't speak Spanish that translates Roses in hiding. We have joined the Escondido chapter of the California Woodcarvers Guild and are enjoying meeting with them. Sorry we had to miss the Christmas party in Meridian, but we sure do enjoy the weather here.

Doug and Ellie



Christmas Party gift exchange



Open Carving Opportunities

Boise

Open Carving at Woodcraft is held on Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. with Eric Owens in charge. Bring your own project and enjoy the fellowship. We are working on making some carving projects available for those who are new to woodcarving.

Meridian

Open Carving at the Senior Center is held on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the center at Kleiner Park, 1920 N Records Way, Meridian. Club leaders provide instruction for new carvers. Experienced carvers can bring their own projects. The Senior Center asks participants to make a donation when they sign in of \$2 for members, \$5 for non-members to help cover their expenses.

Tips from the Experts



When painting the glint on eyeballs, I prefer to use a very small brush rather than a stylus. A brush provides a small slanted "dash" rather than a dot. The glint should be placed above the equator of the eyeball with both being in the same relative position on the eye. Remember the basics: Learn how to sharpen your tools, keep your tools sharp, and always wear your carving glove.

~ Vic Otto



**To the guy who invented
zero, thanks for nothing.**

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